IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lasse L. HESSEL et al.

Confirmation No. 7795

Application No.: 10/773,697

Group Art Unit: 3679

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Examiner: J. Hewitt

Atty. Docket No.: 81421-4037

For:

COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO DEVICES AND METHOD FOR USING

THE COUPLING

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for entry and consideration during prosecution of the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

A Replacement Drawing is enclosed.

A Petition for an Extension of Time is enclosed. No other fees are believed to be due for the filing of this amendment. Should any other fees be required, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP deposit account 50-1814.

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